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1. In late July 1950 the headquarters of Grenzpolizei West/Nord of Land Mecklenburg was located in the Polizei Kaserne on Werderstrasse, Schwerin (N 54/T 46), southwest of Heiden Lake. Chefinspekteur Pruefer (fnu) was identified as the commanding officer and Oberkommissar Dobkowsky (fnu) as PK-Leiter. Chefinspekteur Pruefer rode in passenger car [redacted] as 25X1
2. A VP school commanded by VP-Rat Kollhof (fnu) was quartered in the same barracks. Oberkommissar Schenk (fnu) was identified as the PK-Leiter. The school was organized into an ordnance course with 240 trainees detached from all of the West/Nord Grenzbereitschaften, into a medical course of 70 and a cooking course of 20 trainees. *
3. A VP guard battalion was also located in the Polizei Kaserne. Two companies of the battalion were suddenly loaded on a train at the Schwerin freight station, during the night of 21 July 1950, and left toward Ludwigslust (N 54/T 35) for an undetermined destination. The rooms that were vacated were occupied by the trainees of the medical and cooking courses who had previously been accommodated in a large classroom. The company of the guard battalion which remained at the installation numbered about 120 police. 25X1
4. Passenger cars [redacted] and six personnel carriers [redacted] were observed in the garages of the Polizei Kaserne. ** 25X1
5. In late August 1950 it was learned from the Schwerin regional railroad headquarters that the projected dismantling of the Sternbuchholz railroad spur was cancelled because of the protest by a VP general from Berlin. The track section that had been dismantled by the railroad personnel would be restored at the expense of the Volkspolizei. *** 25X1

* [redacted] Comment. The Abteilung Grenze West/Nord of the Landespolizeibehorde of Land Mecklenburg, commanded by Chefinspekteur Pruefer, and a Grenzpolizei training course were previously reported to be located in the Polizei Kaserne on Werderstrasse, Schwerin. [redacted] 25X1

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** [] Comment. [] a motorized
Schutzpolizei Kommando of Land Mecklenburg.

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*** [] Comment. A VP infantry school was confirmed in the former
Sternbuchholz ammunition depot up to August 1950. []

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